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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MEETING WITH FONMIN

REF: STATE 122435

1. I MET WITH FONMIN MALECELA, EUROPE-AMERICAS DIRECTOR MUGANDA AND ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY FROM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AT 12:45 P.M. LOCAL MAY 27. OPENED MEETING BY EXPRESSING USG DEEP CONCERN AT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS. ESPECIALLY DISTURBING WAS FAILURE IN TANGOV PRESS RELEASE TO INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO CONCERN FOR WELL BEING OF STUDENTS. THIS CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT AND BY MALECELA HIMSELF, BUT NO REFERENCE TO IT IN RELEASED STATEMENT. URGED CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION KIDNAPPING. REITERATED THAT TANGOV HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOSTAGES' SAFE RETURN.

2. MALECELA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT USG REACTION. PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD MADE IT VERY CLEAR YESTERDAY TANGOV WOULD NOT RPT NOT NEGOTIATE WITH PRP. FURTHER IT WAS ZAIREOIS WHO  
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KIDNAPPED STUDENTS. ZAIREOIS ARE NOW HOLDING STUDENTS AT

THEIR BASE IN ZAIRE. TANGOV DOES NOT HAVE MEANS TO EXERCISE CONTROL WHERE CAPTIVES ARE NOW. IF AIRPLANE HIJACKED FROM HOLLAND TO ADEN, EFFORTS TO RECOVER PLANE WOULD BE FOCUSED ON ADEN, NOT HOLLAND.

3. I INTERRUPTED THIS LINE OF REASONING TO REMIND MALECELA THAT KIDNAPPING HAD OCCURRED IN TANZANIA AND THAT DEMANDS, AS PRESIDENT NYERERE ACKNOWLEDGED YESTERDAY, WERE MADE SOLELY TO TANZANIA. SAID AM SURE TANZANIA WILL ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE TO SECURE RELEASE OF STUDENTS. WHAT OF SPECIAL CONCERN NOW, HOWEVER, IS TO GET ON RADIO TANGOV STATEMENT OF CONTINUING CONCERN FOR WELL BEING OF STUDENTS AND THEIR SAFE RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES. TANGOV STATEMENT SATURDAY, MAY 24, HAD BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. PROPOSED TANGOV NOW CONSIDER ANOTHER STATEMENT. GAVE MALECELA AND OTHERS PRESENT COPY OF PROPOSED TEXT (PARA 3 REFTEL).

4. MALECELA WANTED TO DELETE SENTENCE "WE ARE KEEPING . . . THEIR SAFE RELEASE." AFTER DISCUSSION HE SAID HE STILL FAVORED DROPPING THAT COMPLETE SENTENCE BUT WOULD PRESENT TO PRESIDENT FOR FINAL DECISION MY REQUEST THAT ONLY PORTION OF SENTENCE BE DELETED AS FOLLOWS: "WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES." IN ANY EVENT, IWTH THE SENTENCE AS AMENDED OR WITH THAT ONE SENTENCE DROPPED, MALECELA PROMISED TANGOV WOULD GO WITH STATEMENT. I URGED THAT TIME CONSTRAINTS WERE SUCH I HOPED MESSAGE WOULD BE BROADCAST ON NEWSCASTS IN ENGLISH AND SWAHILI THIS EVENING. ALSO TRY TO ASSURE IT PRINTED IN TANGOV NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW.  
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